

office action dated July 27, 2001.

This application is a continuation of a § 371 application which was amended during International Preliminary Examination. The Examiner said it was unclear whether the claims to be considered are claims 1-39 as filed, or claims 1-32 as amended. To overcome any ambiguity, applicants have canceled claims 1-39 and presented claims 40-70. These claims substantially correspond to the claims as amended in the PCT application and as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed in this case. Claim 67 differs from claim 33 in that a typographical error (B has been put in place of α) was corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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